

FAMILY MEDIATION & JUVENILE SERVICES

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is a non-profit agency dedicated to serving the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem, NH. Our mission is to provide quality resources to youth and families in order to reduce delinquency and out of home placements, and to empower them as individuals, family members, and citizens of the community. Please visit us at www.fmjs.org to learn more about the programs and services we have to offer, at low or no cost, to residents and their families.

This past year has been a year of change and growth. To ensure we are providing the most appropriate services for the residents of the towns we have been reviewing our programs and approaches. We are excited about introducing some new ideas and programs to the local communities in the upcoming year.

In addition to the existing staff, the agency now has the added layer an executive director. The position of Executive Director was created to ensure that there was an individual at FMJS on a regular basis that is responsible for overseeing daily operations, screening clients to make certain FMJS is operating within the scope of practice for the agency, to refer clients to appropriate resources when their needs exceed the services we are qualified to provide, and to support staff in the event of challenging situations that may arise with clients.

Roclyn Porter joined the staff in September, 2010 bringing 10 years of clinical experience working with families, particularly families with children who are involved in the juvenile justice system in one form or another. This work has included working with schools, medical facilities, law enforcement, and state and local agencies. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist, and she has experience in working with families in conflict and parental discord.

FMJS continues to offer the same services that have historically been offered. We continue to provide tobacco and substance abuse education classes, anger management, community service placement, and family mediation.

In considering the future, we are also looking forward to expanding our programming to include parenting classes, as well as education for a broader range of ages around substance abuse and anger management.

The members of the Board of Directors want to thank you in advance for your continued support as we grow and further develop our services, and please know you can continue count on FMJS to continue to provide the familiar support and programming we have in the past.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Board of Directors